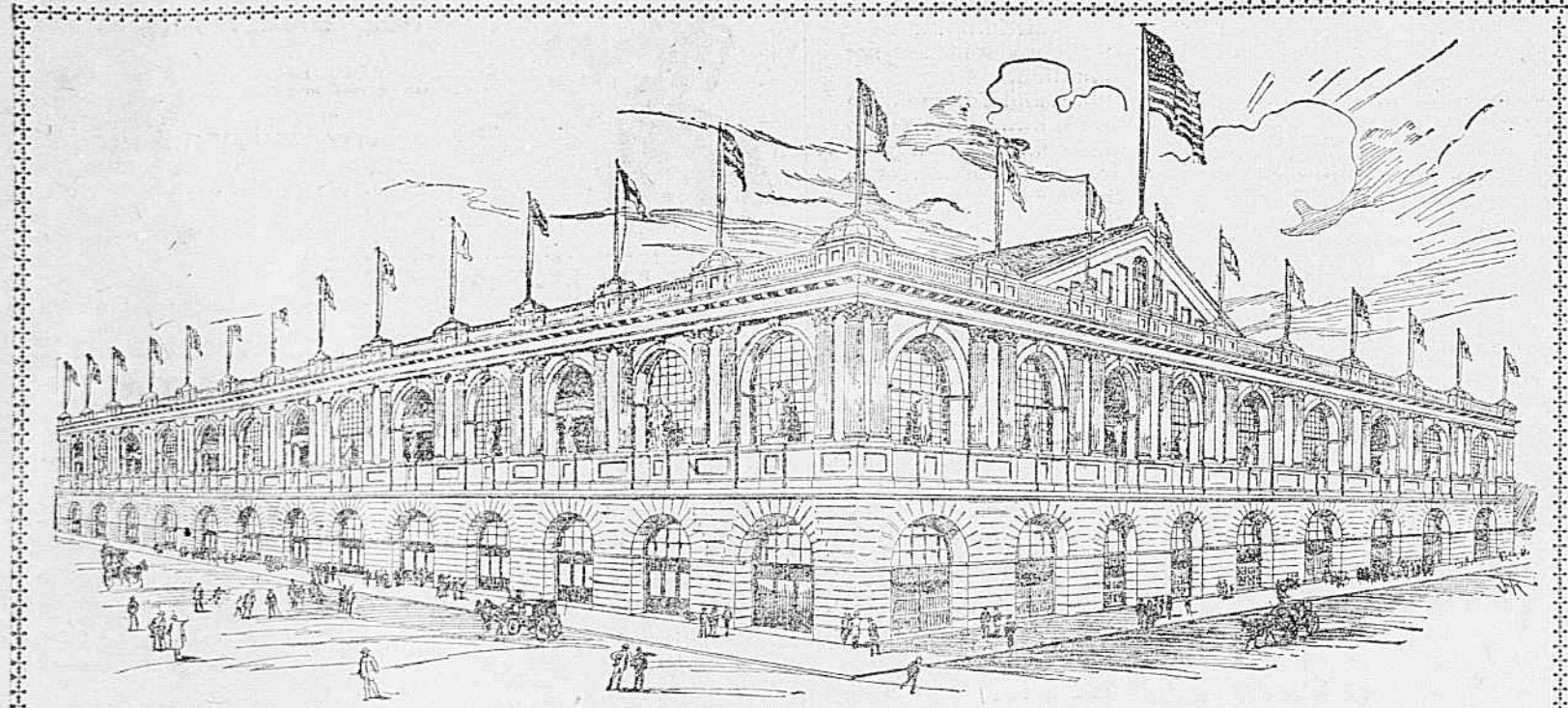


PLANS FOR THE GREAT DEMOCRATIC GATHERING AT KANSAS CITY HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

Some Interesting Political Gossip Concerning the Coming Convention in the Missouri City, Which Will Be Called to Order at Noon on the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Anniversary of the Birth of the American Nation—Bryan Sure to Head the Ticket and Interest Centres in the Choice of a Running Mate for the Great Champion of Free Silver.



HALL IN KANSAS CITY WHERE THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION MEETS.

The National Democratic Convention of 1900 will be called to order in Convention Hall, Kansas City, Wednesday next, at noon, by Chairman J. K. Jones, of Arkansas. He will announce the temporary organization, and his labors as national chairman will have been completed, unless he shall be chosen to succeed himself.

It seems very likely that Governor C. S. Thomas, of Colorado, who is a candidate to succeed Senator E. O. Wolcott in the United States Senate, will be made temporary chairman, and that the honor of presiding permanently over the deliberations of the body will be given to Congressman James D. Richardson, of Tennessee, the Democratic floor-leader in the House of Representatives.

From the programme which has been outlined by the Democrats for their national convocation it seems altogether probable that they will outdo the Republicans in their display of enthusiasm and red-fire.

THE BAY AN INSPIRATION.
The very day upon which they are to meet will in itself be an inspiration to every lover of constitutional liberty, and it has been arranged to have America's great Declaration of Independence read from the platform of the convention by some distinguished leader.

The nomination for the first place on the ticket has been settled beyond all question by nearly all the States declaring their preference for Mr. Bryan.

It is not known whether it is the purpose of Colonel Bryan to make some declaration of independence or whether some one will simply move that he be declared the nominee of the party by acclamation. It seems very certain, however, that the declaration of Bryan will be read, in which Senator Daniel, Joe Blackburn, Rhea (of Kentucky), and other brilliant orators will take part.

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THE NEW YORK LEAD.
There are a great number of strong men spoken of for Vice-President.

The announcement on the part of a close friend of Senator Daniel, that he is willing to accept the nomination on the ticket with Colonel Bryan, is received among the Virginia delegates with great enthusiasm, and his home State will no doubt open hearty quarters in Kansas City and press his claims vigorously before the convention.

The nomination of Bryan and Daniel would give to the party the handsomest ticket ever placed in the field in a national contest, and should they make a canvass together, they would arouse the voters by their splendid talents and presence everywhere.

MAY NOMINATE HIM.
It is very likely that the brilliant and distinguished Joe Blackburn, of Kentucky, Mr. Daniel's long-time senatorial colleague and warm personal friend, will lay his claim before the great gathering, unless it should appear more appropriate to have it done by a member of the Virginia delegation, when it is probable that Hon. Wm. A. Jones, of the First Congressional District, will do the honors.

Mr. Jones is an most attractive speaker, and with such a theme as the great Senator claims, he would set the convention wild with delight.

Senator Daniel will undoubtedly prove a strong competitor for the nomination, especially in the South and West, and no one would be surprised should he come home from the convention bearing the distinguished honor.

OTHER CANDIDATES.
Senator David B. Hill is another decided favorite, and ex-Congressman Charles A. Towne, of Minnesota, has some strength, but it is not thought that his candidacy will develop into anything very great.

Admirals Schley and Dewey are also mentioned as possibilities. Daniel J. McMillan, of Michigan, is among the latest aspirants, while ex-Senator Edward Murphy, Jr., of Ohio, and ex-Congressman William Sulzer, of New York, are looked upon as outsiders.

The New York delegation, however, will get together and centre upon one of the candidates from that State, and it begins to look as if his name will be D. B. Hill.

TYLER MAY LEAD.
There will be made chairman of the Virginia delegation in the convention. He is a most captivating convention orator, and would be a striking figure at the head of his delegation.

Congressman William A. Jones will, undoubtedly, be given some important committee assignment, most likely that of resolutions, and will probably take an active part in the work of the convention. He was the chairman of the Virginia delegation in the convention of 1886, and is a national figure of great prominence and popularity.

Most of the Virginia contingent will travel over the Chesapeake and Ohio

Railroad, and will leave to-day. Colonel Butler's party, which will include Congressman Oley, Senator Martin, and others, will go by this route.

The Richmond contingent left last night, and went over the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad. The party embraced Messrs. C. Manning, Jr., H. G. Buchanan, John R. Grimes, and several other local leaders.

Each one wore a beautiful badge of blue with silver letters, and containing a splendid likeness of Colonel Bryan.

OTIEY IN CHARGE.
The Virginia delegation will stop at the Washington Hotel while in Kansas City, the arrangements regarding quarters being in the hands of National Committeeman Otiey.

The four delegates-at-large from Virginia are so well known to the people that little need be said of them here. They are Senators Daniel and Martin, Governor Tilden, and Congressman William A. Jones.

The alternates-at-large, most of whom it is understood, will go to the convention, are Colonel Joseph Butler, of Appomattox; Captain W. W. Baker, of Chesterfield; Hons. Frank Hunter, of Alexandria; and A. Campbell, of Wytheville, all of whom would ably and creditably represent the Democracy of the old Commonwealth in the highest councils of the party.

Colonel Butler has held and is now holding prominent and responsible positions in the gift of the party, the duties of which he has discharged in a most acceptable manner. Colonel Baker and Mr. Hunter are both prominent figures in the present Legislature of Virginia, and have served with distinction in former bodies, while Mr. Campbell is one of the most popular and distinguished party leaders in the great Southwest.

DISTRICT DELEGATES.
The district delegates and alternates are:

First District—Delegates—Walter Crabb and R. L. Aidsworth. Alternates—J. W. Hurley and B. J. Whealon.

Second District—Delegates—E. E. Montague and W. W. Sale. Alternates—E. P. Cromwell and A. R. Morris.

Third District—Delegates—H. G. Buchanan and C. Manning, Jr. Alternates—John H. Grimes and J. T. Lawrence.

Fourth District—Delegates—J. P. West and J. M. Crute. Alternates—George Mason and James Mann.

Fifth District—Delegates—Pamell Rucker and S. T. Johnson. Alternates—W. S. Tison and E. W. Sams.

Sixth District—Delegates—Sidney Shelton and R. H. Logan. Alternates—J. W. Carleton and S. E. Jones.

Seventh District—Delegates—P. H. O'Bannon and M. M. Johnson. Alternates—N. B. Early, Jr., and Thomas D. Gold.

Eighth District—Delegates—R. N. Harner and Judge Charles White. Alternates—W. P. Gray and P. B. Hutton.

Tenth District—Delegates—Maud Massey and Benjamin Hays. Alternates—E. W. Hubbard and L. H. Stephenson.

STRONG PARTY MEN.
They embrace judges, members and ex-members of both branches of the Legislature, and are all prominent in the councils of the party in the State.

One of the delegates (Colonel W. W. Sale, of Norfolk) is a member of Governor Tyler's staff.

Mr. P. H. O'Bannon, of the Seventh District, is a blood relative and an enthusiastic admirer of Colonel Bryan. Mr. O'Bannon enjoys an intimate personal acquaintance with the great silver leader, and calls him "Bully."

Colonel Bryan's father was his father's side went years ago, from Rappahannock county, in which is the home of Mr. O'Bannon, and the latter gentleman had the pleasure of entertaining the distinguished Democratic leader on a recent visit to that section of the State.

Hons. B. P. Buchanan, of Smyth; E. E. Montague, of Hampton; R. H. Logan, of Roanoke, and P. H. O'Bannon, of Rappahannock, have each served with White, of Fauquier, are judges of their respective county courts, and are men of considerable influence in party matters.

THE THIRD DISTRICT.
The gentlemen whom the Democrats of the metropolitan district chose to represent at the Kansas City are Messrs. Horace G. Buchanan, of Hanover, and Chris. Manning, Jr., of this city. Mr. Buchanan is a relative of Judge John A. Buchanan, of the Supreme Court of Appeals, and is a prominent member of the State, and was at one time Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Mr. Manning is the private secretary to Colonel Tazewell Elliott during the latter's term in Congress, and was afterwards for several years his law partner. He is now a member of the law firm of Scott & Buchanan, of this city, the senior party being ex-Attorney-General R. Carter Scott.

Public Accounts, and Mr. J. Thomas Lawrence, a prominent young attorney of Henrico, who has his office in this city.

How the Seven Days' Battle Around Richmond Began.
(Written for The Times.)

The dash and romance of war is supposed to surround the cavalry branch of the service, but at times the red artillery comes in for its share, as was the case in the opening of the Seven Days' fight around the capital of the Confederacy.

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parts of the house above referred to could not sufficiently express their delight at again being in the midst of Confederate soldiers. There was nothing about the scene but to excite the imagination of the rations given us was not what we would have expected in old times. It was furnished with such a hearty good-will and with so many expressions of joy that it was as near as the gods to us.

It is probable that the road forked somewhere near this point, as we saw no more of the Yankees, and finally reached Mechanicsville. The advance of Branch's Brigade, our battery and the cavalry had uncovered the Meadowbridge Road, whereupon General A. P. Hill crossed over and attacked the enemy just beyond Mechanicsville. A short distance before we reached the extreme left of our line the road was cut out from the hill, leaving a protected position where the surgeons had established headquarters, and the road was ten good work, opposed to a battery of ten good Parrots on the other side of the creek.

Captain Johnson ordered the writer forward to report to General Branch, to state that the battery was up, and ask where he desired it to be put into action. Here occurred one of the first of the Provisional protections that has been before alluded to. I rode up the hill in order to get to where Gen. Branch had established his headquarters, but failed each time to force my way against the shells bursting along the whole line to the right of McIntosh's Battery. When I reached the little mare to the top of the hill in order to get to where Gen. Branch had established his headquarters, but failed each time to force my way against the shells bursting along the whole line to the right of McIntosh's Battery.

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RHEA WILL HAVE NO OPPOSITION

The Republicans to Meet at Wise Court House.

WALKER WILL BE RE-NOMINATED

A Plant Established at Big Stone Gap to Extract Dyes from the Chestnut Tree—New Schedule on Virginia and Southwest

BRISTOL, VA., June 30—Special.—The Democrats of Washington county, in convention at Abingdon this week, appointed delegates to the Congressional Convention of the Ninth District, which meets in Pearisburg on the 15th of July.

The delegates were instructed to cast the vote of the county as a unit for the re-nomination of Congressman Rhea. Three or four other counties have taken similar action, and it is now plain that Judge Rhea will be the choice of the convention without a dissenting voice.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.
The Republican Executive Committee of the district has decided upon Wise, Va., as the place for holding the annual convention of the party for the year 1900. This convention will be held on the 15th day of August.

A prominent Bristol Republican said this week, when asked about who would be nominated by the Republicans, that he believed General James A. Walker, of Wytheville, would be nominated. Judge Rhea's friends would be very glad to see the General re-nominated, believing as they do, that his defeat could be more readily accomplished than that of any other man.

Among the men mentioned as probable candidates are: George W. Blankenship, District Supervisor of the United States Census; Mr. Honaker, of Russell county; Stuart L. Lindsay, of Bristol, and Hon. H. L. Rollins, of Wise county.

Rev. C. A. Jenkins, the new President of South-west Virginia Institute, has arrived here from New Brunswick, N. J., being accompanied by his family.

Prof. Ernest B. Moore, who was connected with the Institute last year, has gone to his home in the East and will not return.

BIRD-TYLER.
A pretty marriage was solemnized at No. 72 Highland Avenue on Wednesday. The contracting parties were Miss Ottum Tyler, the accomplished daughter of Mr. Tyler, who recently came here from Pittsburg, and Mr. Walter Bird, who was formerly connected with the horse-shoe works at Radford, as master mechanic.

Dr. Charles O. Jones, pastor of the Main-Street Methodist church, was officiating minister. Following the ceremony the couple left for St. Paul, Minn., where they will reside in future.

G. W. Child and associates, of Pennsylvania, are establishing a large extract plant at Big Stone Gap. The work has just now started, an engine having been brought from the purpose of establishing the bounds of buildings, etc. This plant will make extract from chestnut wood only. The extract to be used for dyeing purposes.

AN EVANGELIST.
Dr. J. T. McFerrin, after a visit to home folks, in Bristol, has returned to Sherman, Texas, where he is doing duty as a Presbyterian evangelist. Dr. McFerrin's son, Marvin, having just graduated from the Union Theological Seminary, New York, has been made pastor of the First Presbyterian church, at Clarksville, Tenn.

The Virginia and South-western Railway Company has inaugurated a new schedule and has greatly improved the passenger service between Bristol and Big Stone Gap. The company ran its first excursion train over its new extension from Johnson county, Tenn., to Bristol, to-day. Several hundred people came to town, including a number from the mountains, who had never ridden on a train before, and others who saw a train for their first time when they came to ride on one.

Mr. G. P. Briddleman, who has been head clerk for H. P. King & Co. for a number of years, has resigned his position to enter the mercantile business for himself and has located at Clover Bottom, in East Tennessee.

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C. H. BOSLEY, District Passenger Agent, JOHN E. WAGNER, City Passenger and Ticket Agent.

FOURTH OF JULY, 1900.

At West Point, Va.: Fare, Sixty Cents Round Trip.

On this date the Southern Railway will operate a special excursion train Richmond to West Point, Va., and return. Fare for the round-trip, sixty cents. Special fast train will leave Richmond at 8:30 A. M.; returning leave West Point at 6:30 P. M. A complete band will be engaged to furnish music for the dancing, etc., entertainment of visitors. Boat races and various other outdoor amusements will be given under the auspices of the Business Men's Association of West Point, which is a guarantee of complete success. For those wishing to remain in order to attend the Grand Ball at night, tickets will be honored on morning train the 15th, returning. A delightful day's recreation is offered to all.

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SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY
Change of Schedule.

Commencing Sunday, June 31, the Seaboard Air Line Railway will inaugurate double daily passenger service over its OWN RAILS FROM RICHMOND to all points South.

Trans will leave from C. & O. Broad-Street Station, at 2:35 P. M. and 9:40 P. M. Also 7: